

An Óige Hikes Programme June 2026

Please Note: Preference will be given on the “Special Buses”, to Members of An Óige on production of their Membership Card. It is therefore imperative to bring your Membership Card with you, each Sunday. Membership Fees are as follows from January 2021: €25 for over 25 years old, and €15 for under 25 years old.

Valid An Óige Membership Cards required.

RENEWALS OR NEW MEMBERSHIPS: OPTION 1

Please bring your old membership card with you to the hike bus and have the €25.00 membership money plus your bus fare with you. New members will have to fill out a form to join.

You can email for assistance to **info@anoige.ie**

OR

You can also request assistance from either Marie McDonnell (Ph. **018377411**)

or email Jim Barry at **jbarry@anoige.ie**

Important Notice

THIS NOTICE APPLIES TO ANY HIKES INVOLVING THE HIRE OF A PRIVATE BUS PLEASE NOTE THAT ONLY PAYING PERSONS TRAVELLING ON THE BUS TO THE HIKES WILL BE PERMITTED TO PARTICIPATE ON THE HIKES.

It is imperative that the instructions of the Hike Leaders be adhered to by those participating. The Leader sets the pace of the hike and walkers are expected to always obey his/her instructions. Leaders have the right to refuse to take anyone who does not co-operate with them fully, and anyone who they consider would not be able to walk at a reasonable pace, especially on the Moderate Hikes. Walkers who go on Moderate Hikes should be fit and able to keep up with the Hike. A Co-Ordinator has been appointed each Sunday to organise Hikers on Eden Quay.

Unless otherwise stated, please observe the following:

WEAR:	HIKING BOOTS OR STRONG SHOES FOR EASIER HIKES – Please note: Boots may be required for some easy hike locations. HIKING BOOTS <u>ONLY</u> FOR MODERATE HIKES, EASIER MODERATE HIKES NO JEANS. NO DOGS ALLOWED ON HIKES.
BRING:	<i>Optional Face Mask, Hand Sanitiser, Rainwear, Hat and Gloves, Gaiters and Flask (hot drink), Sandwiches, Simple First Aid Kit, Sunscreen Lotion, Sunglasses, Please cover up from damaging UV Rays to prevent Skin Damage while engaging in outdoor activities</i>
COVID-19 NOTICE	<i>Face Coverings are not mandatory for travelling on the private bus and on Public Transport. Intending hikers may wear face covering if they wish to do so.</i> <u>HEALTH AND SAFETY ADVICE/QUESTIONNAIRE</u> <i>Please do not attend for any organised An Óige hike or event if the answer is YES to any of the following questions:</i> 1. Have you had any symptoms of Covid 19 recently? 2. Have you recently tested positive for Covid 19, or have you been in close contact with an infected person?
MEET:	All Sunday walks leave from Laughter Lounge, Eden Quay, O’Connell Bridge End at 10.00am, unless otherwise stated. You are requested to arrive at the meeting place in good time to avoid any delay or disappointment.

MIDWEEK WALK: Thursday 4th June 2026	
Route:	Lehaunstown – Cabinteely- Kilgobbet Park and walk to the Graduate Pub, Rochestown Avenue for food. Please Note: Food optional
Leader:	Mary Moloney
Meet:	Marlborough Street Luas Stop at 10.45am sharp Bring drum up
SUNDAY 7th June 2026 - Co-Ordinator on Eden Quay – Fiona Byrne	
MODERATE HIKE*	
Route:	Stump of the Castle – Glenwood – Horseshoe Hill – Round Hill – Trooperstown Hill – Ballard Bridge - Laragh
Leader:	Dave McCann
Transport:	Special Bus : Cost €20.00 per person.
EASIER MODERATE HIKE*	
Route:	Stump of the Castle – Clara Vale Church – Clara More – Ballylug Bridge – Ballard Bridge - Laragh
Leader:	Ita O’Hanlon
Transport:	Special Bus : Cost €20.00 per person. These two hikes will share the same bus.
EASIER HIKE*	
Route:	Avonmore Way from Clara Vale to Laragh via Trooperstown Wood and Kilafin
Leader:	Fiona Byrne
Meet:	Special Bus : Cost €20.00 per person. These three hikes will share the same bus.
MIDWEEK WALK: Thursday 11th June 2026	
Route:	Castle House and Estate, Celbridge Co. Kildare (Please see below notes)
Leader:	Jenny Bannon
Notes:	Jenny has kindly organised a tour of Castletown House. The cost of the tour is <u>€10.00</u>. Please notify Fiona Byrne before <u>3rd June</u> if you wish to avail of the tour either by email to fionabdub@yahoo.ie or text Fiona at 0857841739. You can pay Jenny on the day, but she needs to know participant numbers for the tour guide a week beforehand.
Meet:	Aston Quay at 10.30am sharp
SUNDAY 14th June 2026 - Co-Ordinator on Eden Quay – Marie McDonnell	
MODERATE HIKE*	
Route:	Seskin (Fenton’s) – Banana Road – Camara Hill – Percy’s Table – Lugnaquilla Mtn – Slievemaan Col (Mudflats) – Slievemaan – Ballinreddan – Ballinabarney Gap.
Leader:	Donal Finn
Transport:	Special Bus : Cost €20.00 per person.
EASIER MODERATE HIKE*	
Route:	Ballinabarney Gap – Slievereagh – Keadeen Mountain – Track to Carrig - back to Slievereagh and Ballinabarney
Leader:	Garry Byrne
Transport:	Special Bus : Cost €20.00 per person. These two hikes will share the same bus.
EASIER HIKE*	
Route:	Russborough House and Blessington Greenway
Leader:	Des Whelan
Transport:	Special Bus : Cost €20.00 per person. These three hikes will share the same bus.

MIDWEEK WALK: Thursday 18th June 2026	
Route:	Historical Tour of Dublin
Leader:	Pat Green
Meet:	Bank of Ireland, College Green at 11.30am sharp.
SUNDAY 21st June 2026 - Co-Ordinator on Eden Quay – Ann Prendergast	
MODERATE HIKE*	
Route:	Ballyknockan Forest – Silsean – Moanbane – Billy Byrne’s Gap – Blackhill – Ballynultagh Gap – path to Lacken Mass Paths – Lacken (Zellers Pub)
Leader:	Udo Sap
Transport:	Special Bus * Cost €20.00 per person.
EASIER MODERATE HIKE*	
Route:	Lacken – Pound Lane – Turfcutter’s track – Blackhill – Ballynultagh Gap - Sorrel Hill Ridge – Lacken Mass Path – Lacken (Zeller’s Pub)
Leader:	Dave McCann
Transport:	Special Bus : Cost €20.00 per person. These two hikes will share the same bus.
EASIER HIKE*	
Route:	Carrig Lane – Lugnagun Forest paths – Ballynultagh Gap – Gap Road - Lacken
Leader:	Ann Prendergast
Transport:	Special Bus: Cost €20.00 per person. These three hikes will share the same bus.
MIDWEEK WALK: Thursday 25th June 2026	
Route:	The Great South Wall or South Bull Wall Walk
Leader:	Paula Oliver
Meet:	Sandymount Dart Station at 11.30am sharp
SUNDAY 28th June 2026 - Co-Ordinator on Eden Quay – Pat Gallagher	
MODERATE HIKE*	
Route:	Ballinagee Bridge – Oakwood – Glenreemore Brook – Art O’Neill Memorial – White Hill – Lough Firrib – Turlough Hill – Camaderry – Glendassan and Glendalough
Leader:	Dave McCann
Transport:	Special Bus * Cost €20.00 per person.
EASIER MODERATE HIKE*	
Route:	Wicklow Gap – Turlough Hill – Camaderry – Glendassan and Glendalough
Leader:	Pat Gallagher
Transport:	Special Bus : Cost €20.00 per person. These two hikes will share the same bus.
EASIER HIKE*	
Route:	Corkagh Park and Garden plus Camac River Valley at Newlands Cross, Clondalkin, Co. Dublin
Leader:	Olive Cowlard
Meet:	Cleary’s Clock, O’Connell Street at 11.am sharp

Dates for your Diary	
An Óige Photographic Group Exhibition 2026	
Dates:	Saturday 30 May to Friday 5 June
Venue:	Visitor Centre Exhibition Hall, National Botanic Gardens, Glasnevin ,Dublin 9
Times:	Open daily from 10am to 4pm – Admission Free, all are welcome
Transport:	Public Transport Bus Routes 23,24,E1 and E2 to nearby stops – Carpark facility available plus Garden Restaurant and Courtyard Café located at the centre.
Saturday 20th June 2026	
Event Venue:	Gate Theatre June Matinee Show “Ideal Husband by Oscar Wilde ” Comedy focusing on political scandal, blackmail, romance, secrets , moral standards
Time:	Performance commences at 2 pm sharp .
Meet:	1.30pm
Cost:	€36.50 - €46.50 - rows A - D
Booking:	Phone 01 8744045
Organisers:	Breda McNamara and Mary Bell
Wednesday 24th June 2026	
Event Venue:	Irish Film Institute (Strawberry Club) Please Note: Programme to be announced weeks before the event
Meet:	10.45am (film starts at 11.00am sharp)
Cost:	€5.00 (members) €6.95 for non-members
Organisers:	Breda McNamara and Mary Bell
Wednesday 19th August 2026	
Event Venue:	Gate Theatre August Wednesday Matinee Show “Brightening Air ” by Conor McPherson. Story of family strife set in rural Ireland in 1980.
Cost:	€28.00 - €43.00 – rows AB - CD
Meet:	1.30pm
Starts:	2pm sharp
Booking:	Booking Office No. 018744045 Please Note: Highly acclaimed – Booking out fast
Organisers:	Breda McNamara and Mary Bell